

**NOTICE OF MEETING
Arizona State Parks Board
Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC)**

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 and A.R.S. § 41-501.03, notice is hereby given to the members of the Natural Areas Program Advisory Committee (NAPAC) and to the general public that the NAPAC will hold a meeting open to the public on **Thursday, February 22, 2007, at 12:00pm, at the offices of City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department, 404 East Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona.** Some of the Committee members may participate via telephone. The Committee may, by majority vote, elect to hold an Executive Session, closed to the public, for any item on this agenda to consider records exempt by law from public inspection pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2). Public comment may be taken during the open public session. The Committee will discuss and may take action on the following matters:

**AGENDA - February 22, 2007
Meeting convenes at 12:00p.m. at the offices of
City of Casa Grande Parks and Recreation Department
404 East Florence Blvd., Casa Grande, Arizona
(The Chair may change the order of the agenda.)**

A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

B. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND STAFF

C. OLD BUSINESS

1. Approval of NAPAC minutes for the meeting of January 24, 2007 - minutes previously distributed electronically. (est. 5 minutes)
2. Discussion of proposed Natural Area acquisitions near Oracle State Park: COD Ranch and Huggett properties, and Forest Service Fire Management Planning.
3. Discussion of McGrew Springs as a proposed Natural Area within Kartchner Caverns State Park.
4. Discussion of the Desert Southwest Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU).
5. Review and discussion of next steps of list of existing Parks with Natural Area eligible resources dated December 1999 (tab 11 in NAPAC binders). Discussion to include Picacho Peak.
6. Presentation and discussion on the Oracle State Park deed restriction memo.

D. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of proposed treatment plan for Russian Knapweed in Dead Horse Ranch State Park, including a brief presentation by Dr. Northum.
2. Discussion of developing a systematized process for property identification, eligibility, evaluation, prioritization, tracking of land status and designation of Natural Areas. This includes important budgetary matters. As part of this discussion, the Land Acquisition Subcommittee will be reconstituted and membership and a meeting date will be finalized.

E. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion of the following topics will take place in the subcommittee meetings. The subcommittees will report on their discussions to the Committee as whole during this time. New member participation in each subcommittee will again be discussed. (est. 30 minutes)

1. Natural Areas Management Guidelines committee: Update and a report on progress of developing the Guidelines with discussion if necessary.
2. Update for the interim San Rafael State Natural Area Management Plan materials, report and discussion if necessary.
3. Update on Verde River Greenway – Report on the next steps in the Conservation Action Planning (CAP) process and discussion if necessary. Appointment of committee members to serve on this subcommittee

F. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee may allow up to five minutes for members of the public to present comments or complaints to the Committee. Those wishing to address the Committee must register at the door and be recognized by the Chair. It is probable that each presentation will be limited to one person per organization. Committee action as a result of public comment is limited by law to directing staff to study or reschedule the matter for further consideration or discussion on a future agenda.

G. BOARD COMMENTS, REQUESTS, AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

The Committee may discuss matters of procedure relative to its meetings, including future agenda items, requests from the public of items to be discussed, etc. Committee members may also wish to raise issues of concern and direct staff to place such items on future Committee meeting agendas.

H. TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING.

March 22, 2007, Arizona Game and Fish Department office, Tucson – 12:00pm
April 26, 2007, Arizona State Parks office, Phoenix – 12:00pm

I. ADJOURNMENT

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Dated this ____ day of February, 2007.

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Questions regarding this meeting or the Natural Areas program and/or committee should be directed to Joanne Roberts, NAPAC Coordinator at jroberts@asztateparks.gov or at 520-586-4139